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POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

The Alaska delegates to the democratic national convention at Denver will support Bryan for president.

Senator Johnston of Alabama favors the nomination of Governor Johnson of Minnesota as the democratic candidate for the presidency.

Five aspirants are in the field for the republican nomination for governor of Minnesota. The contest will be settled at the state convention early in July.

Missouri's "big four" to the democratic national convention will be made up of Governor Folk, Senator McClure, Mayor Reed of Kansas City, and Francis.

Rev. J. Muldoon of the Roman Catholic church of Chicago will deliver the prayer at the opening of the republican national convention next month.

Brand Whitlock, the young author-mayor of Toledo, Ohio, is now being mentioned as a possible running mate of William J. Bryan on the national democratic ticket.

The decorations for the democratic national convention will be the most elaborate that have been attempted in Denver. Electrical effects will be conspicuous in the decorations and flags and bunting will be used in a lavish manner.

Democrats of Kentucky will meet in state convention June 11 to name the delegates at large from that state to the national convention at Denver. The state convention will be held in Lexington.

Representative George E. Foss, who has represented one of the Chicago districts in the house for more than twelve years, is expected to make a try for the seat of Albert J. Hopkins in the United States senate. The term of Senator Hopkins will expire next March.

Tammany Hall will be represented at the democratic national convention at Denver by a delegation of 650 strong. It is estimated that the cost of the trip will be at least \$100,000. Each member of the delegation will pay his own railroad fare and other expenses.

Four years ago the only portrait in the republican national convention hall was that of the late Senator Mark Hanna of Chicago. The committee on arrangements for the coming national convention in Chicago has decided that this year the decorations will include no portraits—not even one of President Roosevelt.

Former Governor Edwin Warfield of Maryland says a national democratic ticket headed by Governor Johnson of Minnesota and Governor Folk of Missouri would sweep the country at the November elections.

Governor Charles M. Floyd of New Hampshire predicts that the democratic convention at Denver next July will name William J. Bryan of Nebraska for president and John A.

Johnson of Minnesota for vice president.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, will, it is said, take the stump in Colorado, Wyoming and other western states, and will make political speeches in favor of her father, if he is nominated for the presidency.

Henry F. Staple, candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Missouri, is opposed to state-wide prohibition. He declares that it is forcing some communities to a thing which they by a vote of their people have declared against, and that consequently it is undemocratic and un-American.

The thousand girls at Vassar College from all sections of the United States held a mock national republican convention recently and nominated Secretary Taft for president and Governor Fort of New Jersey for vice president. The convention was conducted with a enthusiasm characteristic of the real thing.

Idaho democrats believe a victory is in store for the party in their state this year. As a result of the general feeling of confidence an unusual interest is manifested in the campaign and many men of high standing have expressed their willingness to try for office on the democratic ticket.

Certain leaders of the temperance movement in Pennsylvania declare that the next gubernatorial campaign will be waged on a local option issue, and that State Treasurer William H. Berry will be the candidate of the forces opposed to the domination of the saloon in Pennsylvania politics.

Locke Craig appears now to be the man who will most likely succeed Governor Glenn in the gubernatorial office of North Carolina. Next in the running is William W. Kitchen, who has served six consecutive terms in congress as representative of the Fifth district of North Carolina.

Things politically are living up in Illinois in anticipation of the general primary next August. Governor Deneen and former Governor Yates will fight it out for the republican nomination for governor. On the democratic side there are half a dozen aspirants for the nomination. Chicago alone furnishing three.

It is said that the reason why Chairman W. J. Conners and Leader Charles F. Murphy worked so hard to get prominent bankers and business men on the New York delegation to Denver was to have those men at the national convention to explain to the delegates from other states that the great business and financial interests of New York do not want Bryan as a candidate for president in a year where there is a good chance for the democratic party to win the national election with the right kind of a candidate and platform.

Representative Winfield S. Hammond of the Second Minnesota district, who has been selected to make the speech nominating Governor John

A. Johnson for the presidency before the democratic national convention at Denver, is known in Minnesota as Johnson's political "mascot." Mr. Hammond is the man who defeated James T. McCleary, one of the republican leaders of the house, during his service in that body. He nominated Mr. Johnson for the governorship for both of his terms, and each time Johnson carried a normally republican state.

The orators who will deliver the nominating speeches for various republican candidates for the presidential nomination at Chicago will probably be as follows: Representative Burton of Ohio, for Secretary Taft; Representative J. Sloat Fassett of New York, for Governor Hughes; Senator Albert J. Hopkins of Illinois, for Speaker Cannon; Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, for Senator La Follette; Governor J. Frank Hanly of Indiana, for Vice President Fairbanks; Lieutenant Governor Robert S. Murphy of Pennsylvania, for Senator Knox.

In connection with the fact that Alton B. Parker, candidate for the presidency four years ago, will be a delegate to the democratic national convention at Denver, it is interesting to note that since the day when the people took away from congress the power to nominate presidential and vice presidential candidates, substituting the popular convention for the congress caucus, there has never been a case when a defeated candidate for the presidency ever sat as a delegate in a national convention. It is possible that some one named as a candidate in one of the side issue conventions, as General Weaver was by the Greenbackers, may afterwards have sat as a delegate in the convention of one of the two leading parties.

FADS AND FASHIONS.

(By Florence Fairbanks.)

New York.—June is nearly here again, the month for weddings, and which is thought by many to be the prettiest time of the year. The styles in bridal gowns have not changed much, or any, since the April weddings. Satin of the soft, supple variety called satin ondoyant or satin antique is still chosen by this year's bride. There are some exceptions, however, for one most exquisite wedding gown was made of heavy satin in plain, almost severe lines, but it depended entirely upon some very costly lace as its adornment. A perfect model for a bridal gown was seen in white satin ondoyant and embroidered in white floss. It was cut in princess style, semi-fitting to give the effect and it seemed to hang from the shoulders where were beauteous extensions outlined with seed pearls. The deep yoke was of princess fillet lace and was edged with a band of embroidered satin. The under bodice and sleeves were of embroidered white chiffon. The stock collar of medium height was bound with satin. The train was cut in a separate section which fell gracefully from the shoulders. Another charming model was made of fine white Brussels net cut in empire style and handsomely embroidered in floss silk and silver. It was worn over a fitted princess slip of white messaline. A wide bertha of embroidered net extended over the shoulders and formed a wattleau train in the back. There are numerous arrangements of the bridal veil and this year the most artistic effects are shown. Lace veils are magnificent but some people do not care for them because they are so heavy. Brussels applique covered with embroidered dots is the favorite lace for these veils. Fine tulle sometimes edged with beautiful lace makes a very attractive veil. It is caught in a choux with orange blossoms and is fastened just at the left side of the coiffure, while a wreath or a half-wreath of the blossoms is placed on the tulle. In most instances the flowers are caught to the veil instead of the hair, but at the same time they are arranged to fall over the pompadour.

This year there are so many elaborate lingerie, silk and semi-transparent gowns to be worn that a separate coat must be had to wear with them when a wrap is needed. There are coats of lace and of embroidery and a combination of two or more kinds of lace. Very attractive are the ones of coarse-meshed net appliqued with taffeta or soutache in a Greek key design and bordered with heavy lace. The half-length coats for afternoon carriage and evening use made of heavy lace such as Venice, Irish and Italian. They are seen in loose empire lines with flowing elbow sleeves in one with the coat. Some have borders of medallions in all-over embroidered linen with the scalloped edges falling over accordeon-plaited chiffon cordage loops and cabachons.

The thin fabrics for summer are bewitchingly pretty. Stripes are always

attractive and some are two-toned, while others are a plain delicate hair-line on a white ground. There are medallions of pink, blue or lavender and white stripes perhaps an eighth of an inch wide and those with black hair-lines or blue and brown combined. Figures and circles are equally as charming, the latter sometimes forming a border in graduated sizes. One very dainty muslin in a pongee tone had small flowers in white with dark brown centers all over the surface.

A lovely dotted Swiss showed a border of hand-embroidered dots in brown forming a Greek key design. Three graduated rows completed the border. A very important accessory in this season's wardrobe is the belt, and it should be chosen with much thought, which will show good taste. There is such a variety of them shown and one must have a belt to match each costume, hat, gloves or shoes. The plain leather belt with a smart buckle is very modish and can be worn with many suits. The Dresden belts are very dainty to wear with light frocks and with the linen dresses the embroidered linen belts are the correct styles. The small embroidered bags matching the belts will be popular again this summer. The topic that follows belts is purses and bags, for they so often match the color of the belt. There are not many of these accessories shown that are absolutely new and yet there is a slight change in the shape of the fittings and perhaps in the color. However, the style that is among the latest is perfectly square bag with a strap at the top through which the hand may be slipped, instead of the usual handles. Bags and purses are being made of white leather to be carried through the summer months. Many shades of blue can be found in the moroccos, and very beautiful are the shades of brown, including biscuit and pongee tones.

There is a new fad in jewelry this season that bids fair to be quite popular. The studs and sleeve links must not be the only things to match, but there are little finger rings exactly the same. These sets will be worn with morning frocks and the rings will be placed on no other than the little finger. They are plain and heavy bands set with a precious or semi-precious stone which is oval in shape and is rather deeply set. Nearly all the colored gems are seen, such as rubies, emeralds and sapphires. Then the blouse studs are small with stones set in either gold or silver, when the latter is used it is treated to give a dull, old effect because the present antique jewelry or reproductions of the same is very fashionable.

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